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At the same time I advised the Bureau of Mrs. C. L. Withrow being ill with all the premonitory symptoms of yellow fever. Since then she has developed an unmistakable case of the disease.

All the cases so far reported have been Americans. If the disease exists among the natives I have been unable to find it out, although I hear of very little sickness of any kind.

The premises occupied by Mr. Ryan were disinfected under my direction at the request of the United Fruit Company.

Nothing definite can be said as to the source of the infection this year, although I think there can be no doubt that it is the result of last season's infection.

The coasting vessel *Sunrise* (United Fruit Company) makes no attempt to go to Port Limon unless a clean bill of health can be procured from the United States consular agent at this port; however, there is free communication with Colon by all classes of vessels.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Another case of yellow fever at Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, July 20, 1901.

SIR: I have to report the existence of a sixth case of yellow fever in this port. The patient is a Colombian, and was sick four days before he was brought to the town of Bocas del Toro; was brought from a small settlement at the north end of the island on which this town is located.

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COSTA RICA.

Reports from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, July 14, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 14, 1901:

Present estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 6. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever, syphilis, and tuberculosis. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week: The case of yellow fever reported July 4 as isolated in hospital is progressing slowly to convalescence. No other cases known to exist in Port Limon or vicinity at present.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 8, steamship *Alene*; crew, 39; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, 4; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 10, steamship *Catalunia*; crew, 115; passengers from this port, 2; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 11, steamship *Olympia*; crew,

38; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 12, steamship *Hispania*; crew, 22; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage, disinfected, none. July 13, steamship *Harald*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTE LIMON, COSTA RICA, July 21, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 21, 1901:

Present estimated population, 4,000; number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, 1 case and no deaths; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4; prevailing diseases, malaria in its varied manifestations. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week: One new case yellow fever in the person of a sister of the case reported July 4; she lived in the house in which that patient spent the first two days of his illness, prior to being removed to and isolated in the hospital. She was taken sick July 17, the eighteenth day from the initial symptoms of the former patient. Removed to hospital July 18, there isolated and now doing well.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 16, steamship *Athos*; crew, 38; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, 2; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 17, steamship *Origen*; crew, 23; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 18, steamship *Beverly*; crew, 38; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 19, steamship *Venus*; crew, 28; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Foxhall*; crew, 26; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 20, steamship *Breakwater*; crew, 37; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

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Observations on the mosquito as a carrier of yellow fever at Port Limon.

PORTE LIMON, COSTA RICA, July 18, 1901.

SIR: Pursuant to request made in circular letter of April 23, 1901, relative to taking observations as to methods of the conveyance of yellow fever, I have the honor to report the results of my investigation of the connection between the cases reported by me June 12 and July 4, 1901.

The former in the person of an Englishman, who, for the first day and a half of his illness remained in his dwelling house, and was taken to